

Amendment to Claims

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice. A claim listing in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c) appears on the following page.

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) A process for filtering fluid for circulation in a well, the process comprising:

standing the fluid a first time, whereby debris in the fluid is allowed to settle;
filtering under a first pressure the fluid of said standing the fluid a first time, whereby further debris is removed from the fluid;
standing the fluid a second time, whereby further debris is allowed to settle; and
filtering the fluid of said standing the fluid a second time under second pressure, wherein the second pressure is higher than the first pressure, whereby further debris is removed from the fluid.

17. (Previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 16, wherein said standing the fluid a first time comprises pumping the fluid into a first settling tank and allowing the fluid to stand substantially still for a period of time, wherein said standing the fluid a second time comprises pumping the fluid into a second settling tank and allowing the fluid to stand substantially still for a period of time.

18. (Previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 16, wherein said filtering under a first pressure the fluid of said standing the fluid a first time comprises pumping the fluid through a filter.

19. (Previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 16, wherein said filtering under a second pressure the fluid of said standing the fluid a second time comprises pumping the fluid through a filter.

20. (Previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 16, further comprising regenerating a filter used in said filtering under a second pressure.